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Zero to age 21: Information
Promoting Success for Nurses
working with Kansas Kids

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Welcome Aboard, Jane!

Jane Stueve began working in the Children and Families Section of KDHE this past month as our new Adolescent Health Coordinator.

Jane has been with KDHE since 1998. Her experience with KDHE includes Coordinator for the New-born Screening and Birth Defects Registry, working as a case manager for Children with Special Health Care Needs, and consultant for the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome project. Prior to

coming to KDHE, she worked for Jefferson County Home Health and Hospice and Jackson County Health Department as a visiting nurse, public health nurse and school nurse. She has several years of experience working for St Francis Hospital and Medical center on the hospital floors, and in the clinics.

So if you get the chance, make sure to say hello to Jane and welcome her to our crew!

Welcome to ZIPS: **Zero to Age 21: Information Promoting Success for Nurses working with Kansas Kids.** We hope this newsletter continues to be a useful resource for you, and we encourage you to give us your comments, feedback, and suggestions. Also, note that previous months' issues of the ZIPS can be found at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/c-f/zips/>

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Public Health Goes to Iraq



Dan Arnold a Staff Sergeant in the Kansas Air National Guard will be deploying to Tallil Air Base, Iraq for no less than 120 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

as a Public Health Technician for the 407th Expeditionary Medical Group. As the Sumner County Bioterrorism Coordinator, Dan was charged with setting up a surveillance program as part of the County Bioterrorism Plan, among other things. His public health experience from the Air Force and Air National Guard have proven to be valuable in educating the community about the possibility of spreading a communicable disease, naturally occurring or man made, and the need to have surveillance sites in place to detect disease outbreaks.

Dan has been involved in the public health arena for two years. While deployed he will be responsible for the occupational safety of thousands of deployed soldiers. His duties will include

monitoring trends of hearing loss in occupational settings and educating soldiers on the wear of hearing protection, blood borne pathogen training, immunization monitoring and food preparation education. Also, Dan performs regular inspection of dining facilities to prevent the chance of food borne illness, provides medical intelligence briefings for those leaving the area to another country outside the continental United States, and will also be performing vector surveillance (tracking bugs) and making recommendations to rid or protect against vectors. This also includes site selection and hygiene for new tent cities.

While his experience is not fully utilized in his civilian occupation he is an asset that will be missed and we await his return in four months.

You may e-mail him your well wishes at daniel.arnold@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil after September 15th or mail letters to:

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Letters take approximately 10 days to be delivered..



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A recent article in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, Vol. 96, No 14, July 21, 2004

stated **“women at a very high risk of breast cancer – those with the BRCA1 mutations – get greater protection from the disease by breastfeeding than lower-risk women.”** Breastfeeding for one year or longer was associated with a 45 percent reduction in breast cancer risk among women with the genetic mutation who participated in the study. However, breastfeeding did not appear to protect women with another genetic mutation associated with a very high risk of breast cancer known as BRCA2. “The differences between women with BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations may reflect underlying differences in the pathogenesis of cancers associated with the two genes. However, because our sample of women with BRCA2 mutations was small, it is premature to conclude that a modest reduced risk is not present in this subgroup as well.” “How breastfeeding is associated with a reduced risk of breast cancer is unclear but may be related to changes in mammary gland differentiation or to effects on breast estrogen levels.”



Dealing With Parents Whose Judgment is Clouded by Substance/

Alcohol Abuse: In this clinical report from the American Academy of Pediatrics, legal and ethical concepts are discussed related to the dynamic of the physician-child-impaired parent interaction. Suggestions are offered to address in a preemptory manner to pediatricians and their staff members best sets of responses when dealing with substance or alcohol abusing parents. All efforts are designed to maximize the well-being and safety of their clients and to minimize the liability for the pediatricians and their staff members. Further, some of this information can be transferred to other medical settings as well. For more

information on this topic go to: <http://www.aappolicy.aappublications.org/clinical-report/index.dtl> The title of the article to access is: *Dealing with the Parent Whose Judgment is Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs: Legal and Ethical Considerations*



Conclusions and Recommendations From the AMCHP Perinatal HIV Prevention Survey:

In the face of continuing perinatal (mother to infant) transmission of HIV occurrence, states need to continue to improve their efforts in a series of sequential events that occur in order to maximize the prevention of perinatal transmission of HIV. Other studies have shown the following items to be of particular benefit in bringing about a substantial decline in perinatal HIV transmission rates:

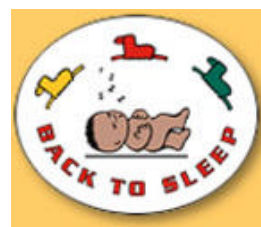
- Pregnant women must access prenatal care.
- Provider must counsel pregnant women regarding the benefits of knowing their HIV status.
- Providers must offer women the opportunity for voluntary HIV testing.
- Pregnant women must accept testing and return to receive their test results.
- Providers must offer antiretroviral treatment to those women who are found to be HIV positive.
- And, the women must accept and adhere to treatment during the recommended intervention periods.

Therefore, this set of ideas was recommended by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) in this report. For the full report go to: <http://www.amchp.org/aboutamchp/publications/phiv%20survey%20report.pdf>



Business Backs Breastfeeding: A Flexible Workplace Program for Breastfeeding Mothers is a resource kit containing instructions, tips, and template materials to help employers support workplace lactation programs. The program is based on a model that

has been tested in a variety of workplace settings. Ross has partnered with the Families and Work Institute and Working Mother Media to promote and distribute the kit, which is intended for use by business owners, executive decision makers, and human resource professionals, as well as health professionals and policymakers, in their efforts to support mothers who breastfeed their infants. The kit and other breastfeeding resources are available at: <http://www.ross.com/BF/backtowork.asp>



October is SIDS Awareness Month – The SIDS Network of Kansas will be displaying awareness

information at the 10th Annual Parent University to be held Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. This conference is titled “Positive Parenting for Tough Times”, and is designed to provide opportunities for parents to learn new parenting concepts, exchange ideas with the experts, and view exhibitors featuring community agencies and businesses that serve children and families. For more information you can contact the SIDS network of Kansas office at: 316-682-1301.



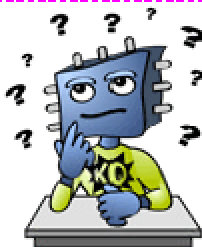
A new PeriStats database and web interface were recently implemented to integrate access to detailed city and county data on maternal and infant health in the United States. More than 50,000 graphs, maps, and tables have been added to the PeriStats system to date. The Web site is intended to be used for fact-finding, regional health assessments, grant writing, policy development, lectures, and presentations. An overview of the new features is available at <http://www.marchofdimes.com/peristats/whatsnew.aspx?id=6>. The PeriStats Web site is available at <http://www.marchofdimes.com/peristats>.

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Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will break our heart.

- Robert Fulghum

Visit the
National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/kids/default.htm>.



via Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/> and ask for publication number 100-F-04-900.



The CDC's Division of Nutrition and Physical

Activity is pleased to announce the launch of the new searchable **Inventory of Qualitative Research in Nutrition and Physical Activity**. http://www.cdc.gov/nccddphp/dnpa/qualitative_research/ The site provides basic information about qualitative studies that have been conducted in the fields of nutrition, physical activity, and other related fields. The inventory allows users to search for information using search fields, entering keywords, or searching the entire database. No registration or password is required.



The Institute of Medicine, through the Food and Nutrition Board and the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, will undertake a comprehensive study of the **science-based effects of food marketing on the diets and health of children and youth in the United States**. This work is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in response to a Congressional directive. For more information, visit: <http://www.iom.edu/project.asp?id=21939>



October is Children's Health Month! Children need clean air to

breathe, clean water to drink, safe food to eat, and a healthy environment to learn, grow and thrive. Yet every day, children are exposed to environmental risks that may stand in the way of these basic necessities. These risks may have serious consequences. Many of the health problems that result from exposure to harmful environmental conditions can be prevented, managed, and treated. During Children's Health Month discover the rewards of children's health by taking steps to protect children from environmental health risks where they live and learn. Take advantage of a special October calendar that includes an action step for each day of the month – topics ranging from helping children breathe easier to making schools healthier. To order the calendar, call 800-490-9198 or order



This year's Back to School theme is **"15+ Make Time to Listen, Take Time to Talk."** The 15+ program was developed by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to help parents and kids talk about everyday issues and tough topics. NMHA is working to adapt and promote the program for community use. The 15+ theme stresses the importance of positive parent-child communication in the emotional development and educational success of children. The "Back to School" kit contains a number of materials including: Activity planner; Fast Facts; Calendar; Resource list and Reading list for schools and parents, Parent outreach materials: "Children's Mental Health Matters" fact sheets on Good Mental Health, Overscheduled Child, AD/HD, Anxiety, Depression and Bipolar Disorder, Media outreach materials: Drop-in article; press release and radio PSA scripts. You can download all of these Back to School materials at: <http://www.nmha.org/pbedu/backtoschool/index.cfm>



A new program from NHLBI, entitled

"Physical Activity: Your Heart Your Life: A Lay Health Educator's Program" has just gone live on the NHLBI Web site. The effort is an outgrowth of the popular "Salud para su Corazon" program, an exciting comprehensive community-based heart-health promotion initiative from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. It targets Latinos living in the United States, but the information in English is also suitable for a wide audience. The project raises awareness of the risk factors and promotes lifestyle changes to reduce the chances of developing heart disease. Members of the public can now interact with Angela - a virtual lay health educator - to learn how making some simple changes in their lives can significantly reduce their risk of heart disease. The program is at: <http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/salud/pa/learning.htm>. A Spanish language version of this program is also available at: <http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/salud/pa/indexsp.htm>

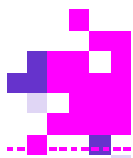


Early Child Development in Social Context: A Chartbook reviews more than 30 indicators of

development and health for infants and children. In addition to presenting data, the chartbook includes brief research-based explanations of the importance of the indicators and considers possible steps policymakers, practitioners, and parents can take to improve children's development and health. The chartbook is available at http://www.cmf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=237483.



The **March of Dimes** has issued a **statement on the report on newborn screening** prepared for the MCH Bureau of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration by the ACMG. For more information, visit: <http://marchofdimes.com> or in Spanish: <http://nacersano.org>.



Zips: Adolescent Health

For disappearing acts, it's hard to beat what happens to the eight hours supposedly left after eight of sleep and eight of work.

- Doug Larson



Decline in Teen Births Linked to a Decline in

Poverty: In a report recently released by the U.S. Congress' Ways and Means Committee, they link a reduction in the teen birth rate to improvements in poverty rates and living arrangements for teens. In addition, this report goes on to say that the almost 30 percent decline in the teen birth rate (1991-2002) is linked to the 23 percent decline in the poverty rate for children as well as the decrease in the number of children living with a single mother. Further, the report links the 26 percent drop in children under the age of six living in poverty and an 80 percent decrease in the number of children under the age of six living with a single mother to the overall decrease in the teen birth rate. Since teenage mothers and their children tend toward poverty, this report is helpful in pointing out ways in which the economy benefits from reduced teen birth rates. For the full version of the article, "Declining Teen Births Linking to Reductions in Poverty" go to: <http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/1/index.html>



The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of "Disproportionate Minority Confinement: 2002 Update."

Although minority youth account for about one-third of the U.S. juvenile population, they comprise two-thirds of the detention/corrections population. The problem of disproportionate minority confinement (DMC) has far-reaching consequences—not only for these young offenders but for society as a whole. This OJJDP Summary describes developments in addressing DMC at the national, state, and local levels. "Disproportionate Minority Confinement: 2002 Update" (NCJ 201240) is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/Publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=11816>

A limited number of printed copies are available from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (JJC). Copies can be ordered online at <http://puborder.ncjrs.org> or by calling JJC at 800-851-3420. For full-text publications, information on OJJDP or JJC, and other juvenile justice matters, visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp/>



If you're the parent of a teen, you know that back-to-school time is about a lot more than buying new sneakers and pencils. It's a reminder of the many challenges you -- and your teen -- face day-to-day. In an effort to help you meet the challenge and keep your teen healthy and safe, the NWHRC has developed a handy online back-to-school kit just for you. It's packed with new fact sheets, tips, resources and advice from leading adolescent health experts, including How to Raise Healthy, Drug-Free Teens, Tips for Helping Your Teen Eat a Balanced Diet, Teen Depression and Eating Disorder Warning Signs. It's also got the latest information on New Trends in Teen Drug Abuse and Fast Facts about Teen Health Checkups, and much more! View the kit here: <http://www.healthywomen.org/b2s/chpa.html>



MindOH! Cyberbullying Resources:

There may be no safe zone against bullying – even instant messaging, chat rooms, e-mail, and blogs can be places of harassment for young people. The MindOH! Foundation has resources for victims, parents and bullies themselves to help youth understand the full meaning and consequences of bullying and to explore ways of stopping online social cruelty. For more information visit: <http://www.mindohfoundation.org/bullying.htm>



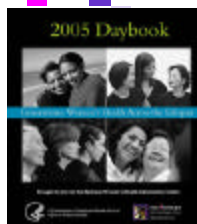
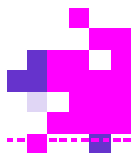
The new edition of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention knowledge path is

an electronic resource guide on recent, high-quality resources that analyze data, describe public health campaigns and prevention programs, and report on research aimed at identifying causes and promising intervention strategies. Produced by the MCH Library, the knowledge path includes information on (and links to) Web sites and electronic publications, databases, electronic newsletters and online discussion groups, journal articles, and print publications. It is intended for use by health professionals, policymakers, researchers, and families who are interested in tracking timely information on this topic. The knowledge path is available at http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_adolpreg.html.

Fasten Your Seat Belt...Go Far!

Volkswagen announces "Positive Peer Pressure" Volkswagen began airing TV ads created, produced and directed by high school teens. But Volkswagen isn't airing these ads to sell its cars. Instead, it wants to sell safety by using the power of peer pressure to help convince more teens to wear safety belts and to reverse a tragic trend that sees some 5,500 young people die in car crashes every year. As part of a contest sponsored by Volkswagen, high school students from across the nation were challenged to create and produce 30-second PSAs to convince their peers to buckle up. Vote for the most compelling ad at <http://www.vw.com/seatbelt> until October 13. The winner will be announced during this show's commercial time and on the Web site on October 18. The spots were produced as part of Fasten Your Seat Belt ... ! Go Far!, a national safety belt education program and contest.

Drivers wanted.



2005 Women's Health Daybooks
Now available for order! That's right! The National Women's Health Information Center is

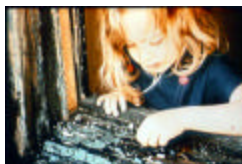
now officially taking orders for "Generations," the 2005 Women's Health Daybook. We've spent the past year gathering new health statistics, researching important health topics, and reading your comments to create the best daybook to date. To order your copy today, call 800-994-9662 while supplies last or visit: <http://www.4woman.gov/pub/daybook.2005/index.htm>

Nutrition & Physical Activity

The **CDC's Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity** is pleased to announce the launch of the new searchable **Inventory of Qualitative Research in Nutrition and Physical Activity**. http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/qualitative_research The site provides basic information about qualitative studies that have been conducted in the fields of nutrition, physical activity, and other related fields. If you have a qualitative study that you would like to share through the Inventory, please send an e-mail to QRI@cdc.gov. If you have questions about the Inventory, please contact Carrie Heitzler at QRI@cdc.gov or 770-488-5286.

"Shut the Door on Lead Poisoning"

is the theme for the 2004 National Lead Poisoning Prevention week which is October 24 through 30. The CDC Web site has sample materials communities can use to promote the week and raise awareness regarding lead poisoning dangers. For more information please check out the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/>

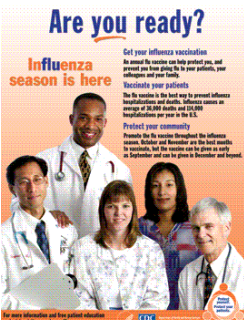


lead/events/leadWeek.htm Please contact mmiller@kdhe.state.ks.us or jbrack@kdhe.state.ks.us and let them know about activities you have planned in your community. Let us know by Wednesday, October 6 and they will share the information with Governor Sebelius. In Kansas, Governor Sebelius will be proclaiming October as Lead Poisoning Prevention Month



HHS Releases Plan for Dealing with Pandemic Influenza:

A draft plan outlining how the federal government and state and local health authorities would handle an influenza pandemic if one should occur was released today by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug26_alert.asp



CDC announces the opening of the "2004-05 Flu Gallery." The gallery is a place on the web where you can view and download all of this season's influenza

education materials, including posters, flyers and brochures for the following audiences: Healthcare providers, Seniors, Pregnant women, Parents of 6-23 month olds and other kids at high risk, People 18 or older with high risk conditions. Most materials are in English and Spanish. There are files that you can print on an office printer, and separate files that can be taken to a professional (offset) printer. For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/patiented.htm>



The Kansas Foodborne Illness and Outbreak manual (Sept 2004) is available on the Kansas Epidemiological

Services Web site and can be downloaded at: http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/epi/disease_prevention.html



Counseling Plus Pharmacotherapy Improves Smoking Cessation Success:

The most successful smoking cessation efforts combine counseling with over-the-counter or prescription therapies such as nicotine gum, skin patches, lozenges, nicotine inhalers, and nasal sprays, according to an article in today's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/sept15_alert.asp



NIH Steps Up Research on Obesity, Including Children:

Research on the causes and prevention of obesity in children is one focus of a stepped-up research agenda on obesity announced today by the federal National Institutes of Health. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug24b_alert.asp



Here It Is Again: Who, Exactly, Should Get a Flu Shot?

The information has been repeated many times, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) wants to be sure everyone gets the message. Find the CDC's current list of people who definitely should be vaccinated against flu in this year's flu season, which begins in October by visiting: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/sept23_alert.asp



National AMBER Alert Coordinator and Assistant Attorney General for the Office of

Justice Programs Deborah J. Daniels today unveiled three new AMBER Alert public service announcements, and also announced an easily accessible Web site: (<http://www.amberalert.gov>).

MMWR

Participation in High School

Physical Education - United States, 1991-2003 <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5336a5.htm>. This report is based on data from the 1991-2003 national Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS). The article reveals that, overall, the percentage of high school students attending daily physical education (PE) classes declined significantly from 1991 (42 percent) to 1995 (25 percent), then remained stable from 1995 to 2003 (28 percent). The percentage of students enrolled in PE (56 percent in 2003) and the percentage of students physically active more than 20 minutes in PE classes three - five days per week (39 percent in 2003) did not change significantly during 1991 to 2003. For more information on this article, please contact: Richard Lowry, MD, MS, Medical Officer/Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Phone: 770-488-6176, Email: rlowry@cdc.gov



Despite mounting pressure nationwide to improve test scores and to help students succeed

academically, the **National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)** urges parents and principals to keep recess and physical education as critical parts of the elementary school day! Hoping to gain more academic time, school officials across the country are curtailing recess and/or physical education in elementary schools. Unfortunately the availability of physical education and recess in many schools is often based on preset allocations for teachers' free and planning times as well as state requirements for student time in the classroom rather than on child development research or health needs. To assist parents in supporting this effort, NASPE has a position paper called "Recess in Elementary Schools." Free copies of the document are

available at <http://www.NASPEinfo.org> or by emailing naspe@aahperd.org.



Hepatitis B

Vaccination Urged:

Parents are being urged to add hepatitis B vaccination to their "back to school" lists by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Since the state of Kansas does require Hepatitis B immunization as a condition for Kindergarten entry this year, this information will be good to review: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/aug24_alert.asp



Sugar Sweetened Soft Drinks, Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes

A new study offers evidence that the extra calories in sugar-sweetened soft drinks can lead to obesity, which is linked to type 2 diabetes. <http://www.healthinschools.org/ejournal/2004/sept1.htm>. Excellent information should you have questions about the value of Varicella immunization and the new school entry requirement. <http://www.cnn.com/2004/HEALTH/09/07/chickenpox.savings.ap/index.html>.



The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and

Immunology and the American Academy of Pediatrics are sponsoring the **14th Annual Asthma Poster contest**. Any child that has asthma in grades 1 through 8 can enter this contest between now and Dec. 3rd. For more information about the contest and how to enter visit: http://www.aaaai.org/patients/just4kids/postercontest/postercontest_new.stm Also, visit the **Asthma and Allergy Tool Kit for School Nurses** at the AAAAI Web site: http://www.aaaai.org/members/allied_health/tool_kit/



Survey Finds 13 Percent of Children Have Special Health Care Needs: Approximately 13 percent of children in the United States

have special health care needs, meaning that they have medical, behavioral, or other health conditions that have existed for at least one year, according to a report published in the September issue of the journal Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/sept07_alert.asp



New Treatment for Head Lice-Suffocation:

A dry-on, suffocation-based, pediculicide lotion effectively treats head lice without neurotoxins, nit removal, or extensive house cleaning, according to a report in the September issue of the electronic journal Pediatrics. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/sept09_alert.asp



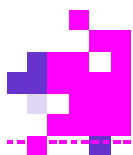
Customized Program Reduces Asthma Symptoms in Inner-City Children:

A program that targets allergens and tobacco smoke in the home resulted in fewer asthma symptoms in children participating in the intervention than in those who were not, according to a new study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in seven metropolitan areas nationwide. For more information visit: http://www.healthinschools.org/2004/sept21_alert.asp



Senate Bill Urges Schools to Allow Students to Self-Medicare for Asthma

A bill introduced in the United States Senate would give preference for federal asthma-related grants to states that have legislation requiring schools to allow children to carry their asthma medication at school, on the school bus, on the playground, and on school field trips. The Senate bill, S, 2815, and the House bill, H.R. 2023, can be read and tracked on the Internet at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.



ZipS: Events and Resources



2005 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities.

June 14-18, 2005 Washburn University, Topeka, KS. Approximately 45 youth will be accepted to attend based on a competitive selection process. There will be NO charge for student delegates or volunteers to participate in this forum. All appropriate expenses will be paid by YLF administration, including lodging, food, interpreters for deaf students, personal care attendants and other accommodations, if needed. For additional information, please contact the Kansas YLF State Coordinator at 785-267-1717 v/tty or email: beddy@kacil.org.

FREE parent leadership training in the area of advocacy on October 22 - 23 in Topeka. There are even a small number of donated hotel rooms available (on a first come-first served basis) - just ask. This is a collaboration among Ks Action for Children, Head Start, the Children's Cabinet, KACCRRRA, and ICC. Capital tours start at mid-morning on Friday. The training runs through Saturday mid-day. If you want more information, contact Doug Bowman at (785) 296-1294 or at dbowman@kdhe.state.ks.us. Space is limited, so act fast. "When parents speak, policy-makers listen."

The Infant Toddler Conference committee is pleased to announce the following **Infant Mental Health events throughout Kansas**. Partial funding for these events was provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Health Care Support Division for Mental Health, the Infant Toddler Conference, and the Head Start Collaboration office. Please contact the individuals listed for additional information or registration information.

- October 2, 2004—Manhattan, Kansas—Dr. Martin Maldonado—Raising Riley Early Childhood Task Force—Cat Tierney mdcl@interkan.net

net 785-776-5071 or JoAnn Henry henryj@ksu.edu 785-532-7197

- October 14-16, 2004—Parsons, Kansas—Alice Eberhart-Wright and Rhodanne Schiller—Southeast Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children (SAEYC)—Bobbi Wells bobbj@ku.edu 620-421-6550 x1627 or Vera Lynne Stroup-Rentier ylsrent@ku.edu 620-421-6550 x1768
- October 21 and 22, 2004—Salina, Kansas—Dr. Rick Gaskill—Family Forum/Community Early Learning Links—Peggy Graves at pgraves@salinaymca.com 785-825-4861
- October 22, 2004—Hiawatha, Kansas—J. Sophie Thayer, Ph.D.—Northeast Kansas tiny-k (Infant Toddler Program)—Kris Grosche kgrosche@ku.edu 785-887-6711—November 1, 2004—Hays, Kansas—J Sophie Thayer, PhD—Hays Area Children's Center—Kris Schulte, kschulte@hays489.k12.ks.us 785-625-3257
- November 4, 2004 and April 15, 2005—Oakley, Kansas—Dr. Rick Gaskill and Dr. Martin Maldonado—Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center—Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer at kko@nkesc.org 785-672-3125
- November 20, 2004—Beloit, Kansas—J. Sophie Thayer, Ph.D.—Cloud County Community College Early Childhood Resource & Referral Agency—Misty Elder at melder@cloud.edu 785-243-9345
- December 18, 2004 (tentative)—Dodge City, Kansas—Dr. Temple-Grandin—Dodge City Community College Child Care Resource & Referral Agency—Lorna Ford crr@dc3.edu or lford@dc3.edu 620-227-7344
- January 13 and 14, 2005 (tentative)—Topeka Public Library, Topeka, Kansas—Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Ph. D., Cara Bass, CLP and Dr. Martin Maldonado—Shawnee County Infant Toddler Services—Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@tarcinc.org 785-233-7374

28th Annual Governor's Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect – October 6-8 in Wichita.

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- James Q. Crowe

Healthy Start Home Visitor Regional Training for Northwest Kansas – October 5, 2004 in Gove at the Gove County Health Department.

Healthy Start Home Visitor Regional Training for Southcentral Kansas – October 26 in St. John at the Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Hall.

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McClanahan. The 38-page report describes the Youth Violence Reduction Partnership, a Philadelphia, PA, program that provides youth at high risk of committing homicide or being victimized by it with intensive services designed to divert them away from violence and toward productive adulthood. The report's outcome data suggest that the program, which receives funding under OJJDP's Juvenile Accountability Block Grants program, has contributed to a reduction in homicides in the two districts where the program operates. "Alive at 25: Reducing Youth Violence Through Monitoring and Support" is available online at http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/174_publication.pdf.